

by that officer. Mr. Bigelow, special correspondent of the S. F. Examiner, accompanies the Charleston, by the Admiral's permission, and is familiar with the events of the King's fatal illness. He has prepared the following account, gathered from reports published in the San Francisco newspapers, from interview with Rear Admiral Brown, and with Fleet Surgeon Wood, who were at the King's bedside during the entire period. From careful inquiry, made by Dr. Woods, it may be stated positively that the malady, which was Bright's disease of the kidneys, resulting in uræmic poisoning, had its origin a year or more ago, when a tendency to fall asleep at odd times was manifested by His Majesty. It is a singular feature of this disease that the sufferer may enjoy intervals of comparatively good health, and so it was in the present case, as the first few weeks of his stay in San Francisco, with its change of climate and scene, wrought surprising improvement, so much so that his friends were deceived into thinking that his health was entirely restored. Dr. Woods, however, entertained constant forebodings that the ailment was constitutional, and during the ceaseless round of social festivities used every endeavor to bring to His Majesty's attention the supreme importance of exercising the utmost care and moderation. This was a difficult matter, however, for although the King submitted freely to the dietetic restrictions imposed by his medical adviser, he found it difficult to decline the hundreds of invitations sent every week to attend balls, receptions, dinners, operas, plays, public celebrations, etc., etc. It is no exaggeration to say that no visitor to the Pacific Coast has ever before received such a magnificent reception as was accorded the King by the people of California. There seemed to be a universal cordiality. As an instance, it may be cited that the theatres placed boxes at His Majesty's disposal whenever it suited his pleasure, and that he was always greeted enthusiastically by the audience; again when the King and his suite visited a baseball game given for the benefit of the orphans, ten thousand people arose in their seats and cheered lustily for five minutes while the bands were playing the Hawaiian ode. About Christmas time, the King yielded to the importunities of the authorities of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Diego, and with his suite took the special car placed at his disposal by the Southern Pacific Railway, to visit the southern portion of California.

#### The King Caught Cold.

In driving to Ellwood, Mr. Cooper's ranch near Santa Barbara, he had caught a slight cold which changed to a bilious fever. That cold caused his death.

Invitations to the inaugural ball and receptions at the State capital were declined on account of his illness by the desire of Admiral Brown. He seemed, however, to be rapidly recovering, and elaborate arrangements were made for additional trips throughout the Coast. Then he had a severe relapse. The cold had settled on his kidneys and had assumed the form of Bright's disease.

Tuesday, the 18th inst., against the most emphatic protest of Admiral Brown and Dr. Woods, he left his apartments to attend a banquet at the California Hotel, and the Admiral's persuasion was not strong enough to induce His Majesty to decline a Masonic reception the following evening.

These festivities left him almost at death's door, and he began to sink rapidly, the medicines administered having apparently no effect. Sunday showed slight improvement, which was soon followed by the dangerous symptoms of acute Bright's disease. Blood poisoning had set in and for forty-eight hours preceding Tuesday he was unable to take nourishment and was practically unconscious.

On Sunday night he began to sink still lower. Rev. F. H. Church, assistant rector of Trinity, was summoned by Senior Warden U. V. S. Gibbs. The reverend gentleman remained at his sad duty all night. The impressive Episcopal communion service, doubly solemn in the room of death, was read. The sacrament was administered, but the King was unable to receive it. The communicants were Colonel Macfarlane, Colonel Baker, Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Price, and C. V. S. Gibbs. With remarkable vitality the King clung to life, but the end was very near.

Dr. Woods had, on Thursday, called Drs. Sawyer and Taylor, who occupy a prominent position among medical men in San Francisco. The result of their diagnoses confirmed the decision previously arrived at by Dr. Woods, viz., that Bright's disease in its worst form was manifest. Then followed a struggle to hold the King's life, and raise him up from his prostrate condition in order that he might be conveyed back to Honolulu to die among his beloved people. It was apparent by Monday, however, that the contest was futile and that the King must die within a few hours. The San Francisco newspapers had contained articles on His Majesty's illness from the first, but when the worst became known public excitement was intense. Extra editions were issued every hour, detailing with huge headlines the precarious condition of the King. Hundreds of people flocked to the Palace Hotel to learn the particulars, while a dozen reporters waited in the corridors for items. From an "extra" of the Post, of January 21st, is taken the following:

#### Newspaper Reports.

King Kalakaua has been actually dying for three days.

Late on Saturday night he became unconscious and began to sink.

His friends and the members of his suite, hoping against fate for the best, agreed not to make public the real condition of the dying monarch until the last chance of his recovery had vanished. This condition of things presented itself last night and the truth was made known.

Like wildfire the report flew about the city, increasing as it went, until at daylight this morning half of San Francisco believed the King was dead.

During the entire night Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Price and Dr. Woods have remained at the bedside of the dying King.

When the reporter called this morning, Dr. Woods, Sawyer and Taylor were in attendance.

Replying to a question addressed to them collectively, they all answered: "He cannot live more than a few hours."

At an early hour Sunday the King had a lucid interval. He turned to Admiral Brown and said:

"Well, I am a very sick man."

It is plain that His Majesty recognizes the fact that his condition is quite serious, he doesn't appreciate the fact that he can never recover except by a miracle.

It has been discovered that the King has entirely lost the use of his right arm and that the upper part of his spinal cord, and perhaps the brain itself, is seriously diseased.

#### Death Approaching.

The report was soon proved false, however, by bulletins sent out by press reporters stationed near the apartments; yet at this time the King was slowly failing; and as his extremities became cold, his respiration rapid, and the pulsations of his heart quick and feeble, his breathing strenuous, it was perceived that the end was close at hand. It was now that the Rev. J. Sanders Reed commenced to read lines of Scripture calculated to cheer the heart of one about to pass into eternity; hymns were sung by the Rev. Mr. Church; and as the last moments approached the clergy led in prayer, everyone kneeling, the words of petition mingling with His Majesty's last breath.

He passed away at exactly 2:35 p. m. of Tuesday, January 20, 1891, and there were present at his bedside, on the right of His Majesty, Rev. J. Sanders Reed, Col. Macfarlane, and Admiral Brown; on the left Col. Baker, Kalua, and Kahikina; and at the foot of the bed Consul McKinley, Mrs. Swan, and Fleet Surgeon Woods. Grouped around were Lieut. Dyer, Hon. C. R. Bishop, Mr. Godfrey Rhodes, Judge Hart, Senator G. E. Whitney, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Reed, and the Hon. Claus Spreckels.

#### San Francisco's Eulogy.

The morning following His Majesty's decease, the papers contained pages and pages of description, history, illustrations, etc., concerning the King. Everywhere flags were placed at half-mast, and the city assumed an air of sincere mourning. The following account of the funeral preparations is taken from the Examiner of Jan. 22nd:

San Francisco will to-day show how sincerely she respected King Kalakaua, and how deep a regret she feels for his death.

Civil and military organizations will escort the royal dead from where United States soldiers have been guarding it to the wharf, from which it will be transferred to the Charleston, which will take the dead ruler back to his island kingdom.

Several times during the day the Admiral held meetings at the Palace Hotel, where various representatives, civic and military, submitted their plans to his judgment, and received suggestions and directions that brought order out of chaos.

Kalua, the King's handmaiden, busied herself in her gentle fashion with the packing of her dead chief's garments. A number of ladies who have lived in the Hawaiian Islands called upon her yesterday and gave condolence and encouragement.

His Majesty was dressed in evening suit with white satin vest, his hands covered with white gloves embroidered with the royal arms, and on his breast the red ribbon and cross of the Order of Kamehameha and the star of the Order of Kalakaua.

At 1 p. m. the remains were removed to Trinity Chapel, followed in transition by only one carriage in which rode Lieut. Dyer, Consul McKinley and Dr. Woods, and on arrival the remains were turned over to the United States Military authorities, represented by Lieutenant Lovering and a detachment of U. S. Cavalry.

Copies of the funeral invitation prepared by Mayor Sanderson were examined and pronounced very suitable for the purpose. It was printed on plain white paper, with a heavy black border.

The Superior Courts, out of respect for the death of the King of Hawaii, have adjourned till next day.

The Custom House and Appraisers' division were closed by order of Collector Phelps, out of respect to the late King Kalakaua.

The Produce Exchange adjourned at the close of the early session till Friday morning out of respect to King Kalakaua.

#### Funeral Ceremonies.

The account of the funeral ceremonies, which were held Thursday, January 22d, is taken from the Evening Bulletin of that date: Funeral services in memory of King Kalakaua occurred at 10 o'clock this afternoon, in Trinity Church.

The guests invited by Mayor Sanderson began to assemble at the Palace Hotel about 12:30 o'clock. There were present Mayor Sanderson, Collector Phelps, Shipping Commissioner Morton, members of all the branches of the County and City Government, the officers of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and San Francisco Board of Trade, a delegation from the Society of California Pioneers, representatives of the Federal Courts, the Bohemian Club, the Royal Household, the Knights of Oceanis, the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, which was represented by Grand Master William S. Moses and Past Grand Master T. H. Goodman, of which order the dead King was a member.

At about 12 o'clock people began to fill Trinity Church. Only those having tickets were admitted through the side door.

The chancel was crowded with growing plants and floral pieces. The reading-desk and pulpit were draped in mourning and the back wall of the chancel was draped with two American and Hawaiian flags. Just in front of them a crown formed of small brilliant gas-jets was suspended.

At its head stood a large crown of beautiful and rare roses. To the left was a large emblem formed of violets and roses, with the insignia of the Knights of the Mystic Shrine, a saber and crescent and the word "Islam" across the face.

Several pews in the front of the church were reserved for native subjects of the late King, and were among the first to be filled. The few behind those occupied by the Hawaiians were assigned to the pallbearers and to Admiral Brown of the North Pacific squadron and his staff.

It was the aim of the Committee of Arrangements to have the service as simple as possible. The regular business

order of the Episcopal church was followed.

During the celebration of the service, Francesca Guthrie sang, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair."

The music was under the direction of J. H. Stewart, who presided at the organ. The choir consisted of the regular quartet of the Trinity Church, augmented by a large number of voices. The numbers were for an opening voluntary, Beethoven's Funeral March, Burial Psalm, chant by Felton, hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden," hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," and for a postlude Chopin's Funeral March.

At 1:25 the bell tolled briefly to announce that the services in the church were about to commence. By this time the church was completely filled, excepting in the very last pews, by the invited guests. When the half-hour was reached the funeral procession entered the church headed by the clergy of the city and the guard from Troop I, Fourth Cavalry. Everybody rose as Rev. Sanders Reed began solemnly, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The coffin, borne by six marines, was placed on the waiting bier. It was shrouded by a large American flag and surmounted by elaborate and beautiful floral pieces. Then the choir chanted, "Lord, Let Me Know My End." After the chant Rev. Dr. Spaulding read the lesson from the fifteenth chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning, "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Then followed the hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden."

#### Sermon of Rev. Dr. Reed.

Dr. Reed delivered the sermon, in substance as follows:

Most of us have been in the habit of thinking that death came into the world by the sin of Adam. Fossils teach us a different story. We know that long before the age of man, animals and insects lived and died. Death did not come into the world by chance. Death is the condition of existence on this earth of ours. But for death it would long ago become uninhabitable. Death is as natural as the falling of a leaf. Life has its root in death, which does not break the thread of our existence.

Here lies before us the body of an honored king. Presently it will begin to fall away and will return to its native elements. We do not believe that death destroys the personality of the man. That body which is to be taken away to its native land will some day undergo a process of development. Its elements will appear in the flowers of the gardens of the Hawaiian Islands. By certain words, certain actions, this man developed a certain character. That character will go on continually developing; it will live forever. Man in death is the same as he is in life. Oh! much more so.

Hawaiians, your dear King has been taken away, I believe, because God thought that by a longer residence on earth would not tend toward his spiritual benefit. Therefore he took him nearer to Himself so that he could be refined and at last stand purified by fire.

And now officers of the fleet, on behalf of this church, and I trust, of the people of San Francisco and the United States, we bid you take the remains of the royal man back to his native island. Carry with you the assurance of our sincere sympathy. We thank God that seventy years ago there were raised up missionaries that converted the natives of the Sandwich Islands, and since that time monarch after monarch has been baptized in the Christian faith, including this man. In the providence of God he was taken away, but his body will now be sent back to the island he loved so well and for which his heart ever yearned.

The sermon ended, the choir sang "Rock of Ages," which was followed by the repetition of the creed. After the benediction the audience followed the cortege out of the church, the choir singing "Asleep in Jesus," as a recessional.

#### On the Way to the Cruiser.

The procession formed to move to the water front. It made an imposing and many-sided demonstration, representatives of the National, State and County and City Government, the commercial interests of the port of San Francisco, and, to a large extent, the social life of the city. The hearse was escorted by Golden Gate Commandery, Knights Templar, the Commandery turning out in full uniform in a body. The hearse was drawn by black horses. The suite of the King, Colonels Macfarlane and Baker, followed the hearse in a carriage.

The cavalry escort, on reaching the wharf, formed a line and presented arms as the casket was received by Admiral Brown and his staff.

The crowd of spectators gathered all along the line of march until it assumed vast proportions. The outpouring of people as spectators was simply astonishing. Between Powell street and the foot of Market street, at 2:30 o'clock there were assembled not less than 100,000 spectators. There was no break in the dense crowd along this line and both sides of that thoroughfare and much of the middle of the street was packed.

Directly opposite the wharf, lying in the stream, was the United States cruiser Charleston with steam up ready to depart.

The King being dead his flag could no longer be hoisted, and the flags noticeable on the Charleston were those of Rear Admiral Brown and the United States ensign.

#### On Board the Charleston.

At 3:30 p. m. the funeral cortege reached the point of embarkation.

The royal remains were transferred to the U. S. steamer Monodnac, followed by the various officers, military and civic, and specially invited guests. The Monodnac steamed out toward the Charleston, escorted by numerous tugs and steamers thronged with spectators. She made a royal sweep, coming at last slowly alongside the huge man-of-war, whose minute guns were answering those from the Presidio, Alcatraz and Fort Winfield Scott. At 4 p. m. the casket in its heavy case of wood was transferred to the deck of the Charleston, the band playing the royal anthem. Fifteen minutes later, the anchor was up, and the great vessel moved majestically toward the Golden Gate and out into the ocean. The casket was placed on the upper deck and draped in Hawaiian flags, with a canopy above. Sentinels guarded it day and night during the voyage.

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